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SUBJECT: INTRODUCING AMERICA

REF: FT. CHAFFEE 251350Z MAY 75

ATTN: CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. IATF CONCURS WITH REFTEL QUOTED BELOW FOR INFO OF EGLIN, PENDLETON, IGMR AND GUAM. IMMEDIATE ACTION IS UNDERWAY HERE. HOWEVER, TO AVOID DUPLICATION, REQUEST CIVIL COORDINATOR SUGGEST OTHER PROGRAMS WHICH IATF CAN INITIATE TO ASSIST IN MEETING THIS VITAL NEED.

2. FOR EGLIN, PENDLETON, IGMR AND GUAM: QUOTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFO:

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QUOTE 1. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN

MACDONALD/GOSS AND ELINOR GREEN, WE ARE CURRENTLY (AND PERHAPS BELATEDLY) FOCUSING ON WAYS AND MEANS OF PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES TO OUR VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS.

2. FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS WE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING

ON (A) THE RECEPTION, CARE, FEEDING, HOUSING AND PROCESSING OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, AND (B) EXPLAINING THEIR SITUATION AND OUR OPERATION TO THE PUBLIC (IN NEIGHBORING BARLING, FORT SMITH, THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND THE NATION).

3. WE WANT NOW TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON EXPLAINING AMERICA AND AMERICANS TO THE VIETNAMESE, FOR TWO PRINCIPAL REASONS: (A) THE VIETNAMESE, ALTHOUGH THEIR MORALE IS REMARKABLY HIGH, ARE CLEARLY CONCERNED, SOME PERHAPS FRIGHTENED, AT THE PROSPECT OF GOING OUT INTO A WORLD VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN TO THEM AND (B) WE ARE ALREADY DETECTING SIGNS OF VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE BEEN CLEARED TO DEPART, BUT WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THE RELATIVE SECURITY OF FORT CHAFFEE FOR THAT UNKNOWN.

4. THEREFORE, WE ARE PROPOSING A MAXIMUM AND IMMEDIATE EFFORT TO HELP THE VIETNAMESE LEARN ABOUT THE REAL WORLD OF THE UNITED STATES--WITH MOTION PICTURES, TELEVISION, RADIO, NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES (PERHAPS SOME PUBLISHERS' OVERRUNS OF TIME/NEWSWEEK, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, ETC.) MAPS, PAPER-BACK DICTIONARIES, AMERICAN HISTORY TEXTS, ETC.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH EFFORTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED IN IATF/WASHINGTON (AND WITH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE AMERICAN RED CROSS) AND WOULD APPRECIATE NOT ONLY YOUR CONTRIBUTION, BUT ALSO ANY IDEAS YOU MIGHT HAVE ALONG THESE LINES. UNQUOTE.

3. IN THE INTERIM SUGGEST MAXIMUM USE OF YOUR VN INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER MEANS AVAILABLE TO GET THE REQUIRED INFORMATION TO THE REFUGEE POPULATION. KISSINGER
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